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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Washington County, City of Hurricane, and the Shooting Sports Park SSD Seek Independent Safety Analysis and Review of Local Shooting Range Facilities and Practices.**

**St. George, Utah** – On Thursday November 20, 2015, Members of the Washington County Commission, Sheriff Cory Pulsipher, Mayor John Bramall and Police Chief Lynn Excel met with Shooting Sports Park representatives to discuss a recent uptick in the number of bullet-strikes and spent rounds discovered in areas near the popular Purgatory gun range.

In a cordial meeting all sides pledged to work together to ensure the safety of both the general public; as well as guests and participants at the Shooting Sports Park. Pending the facility evaluation by ballistic and range experts, all shooting venues except for the Shotgun and Archery venues are now closed. An exception has been made for some previously scheduled events that will be allowed under careful supervision and control.

Local officials are seeking the publics' help and support with the range's closure. While the safety study is conducted and needed improvements made, the Shooting Sports Park will remain closed. No unauthorized shooting will be allowed. A No-Trespass policy has been adopted at this time, and area law enforcement officials have been asked to strictly enforce it. Officials are working as quickly as possible to ensure the park's safe reopening as soon as practical.

We are seeking the publics' support in respecting this temporary safety closure and ask that anyone observing solo-shooting or other questionable activity at the range, to please report it to area law enforcement officials.

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